

OLD PERSEAN NEWS

Michaelmas Newsletter 2007



A Message from The President

Many thanks to those brave OPs who turned out for the cricket match against the school on a miserable day in the summer. I think The School just won in the end in the gloom and the rain but it was a close thing.

Some distinguished OPs gathered for the lunch for the opening of The Barry Room. I believe this is reported in full elsewhere, so I will not repeat it except to say that Keith treated us to a nostalgic and sometimes emotional trip down memory lane. We were privileged to be there.

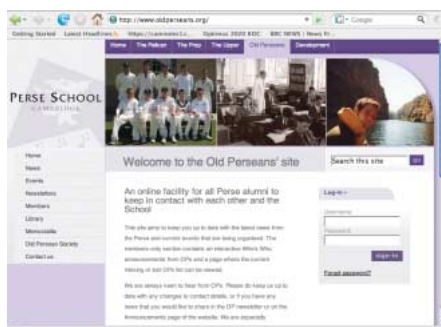
The dinner was, as usual, much enjoyed by all. Numbers were at a near record level and many thanks to those that organised their year groups. It was a new idea to try year group reunions so I was delighted to find that a 50 year & 55 year reunion OP were inspired to organise their own groups.



Now if you remember my last report I mentioned my son Tim and his tackle on Jonah. Here's proof. Note how well he has been trained at school by his head and body position!

Ashley Edgar

Launch of the new Old Persean website



Some of you may have noticed a rather large change to the www.oldperseans.org website in recent weeks. Along with the rest of the school, we have been invited

to totally redesign the way our society's information is presented to the wider web. Bringing in traditional school colours, the website now has a more Persean atmosphere.

An exciting addition to the site is the new Library function which allows you to view archive items from the school's history which would otherwise remain locked in the bowels of the school's filing systems! From Pre-War era photographs to more recent recollections, this new item will prove to be most revealing.

OP Cricket Match

Was held on Thursday 5th July 2007. The School won by 5 wickets 173 for 5, OP's 169 all out. Swift 3 wickets for 11 runs, Fullarton 3 for 4, Coe 92 runs, Stafford, Richard 46 not out.

Events

Thursday 6 December
Lehman Brothers Varsity Match

Thursday 13 December
Carol Service

Wednesday 7 May 2008
OP Open Day



Professor John Clarke (1961) visits the School to give the Arkwright Lecture on the topic on superconductivity and to open the Upper School's new Science Block.

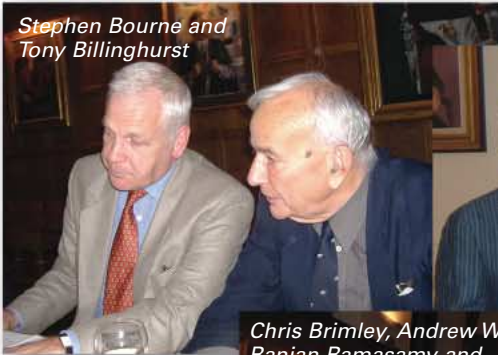
Our new Who's Who section allows you to search for missing OPs and we have now reworked the individual Persean pages for you to update the group on your recent activities with greater ease than before.

OP Dinner

Was held on Friday 28 September 2007. The evening was deemed to be a great success by all those that attended and organised the dinner. Outgoing Headmaster, Dr Nigel Richardson, gave a moving speech encompassing memories of his years at the school and also welcomed the three major reunion groups who attended this year's event. The groups were from the years 1967, 1982 and 1997 – celebrating their 40th, 25th and 10th year reunions respectively.



Peter Scarff and Noel Plumley



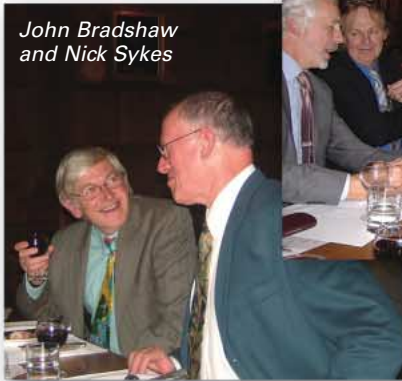
Stephen Bourne and Tony Billinghamurst



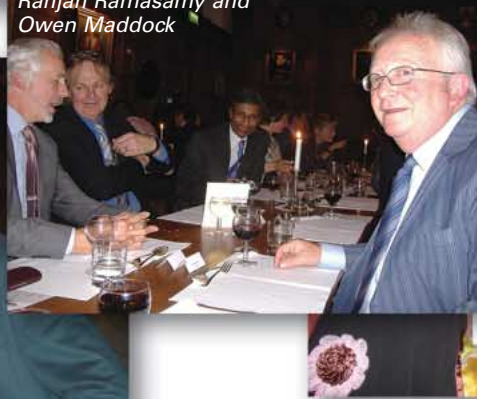
Chris Brimley, Andrew Wiard, Ranjan Ramasamy and Owen Maddock



Chris Scarisbrick and Chris Brimley



John Bradshaw and Nick Sykes



Noel Plumley at the dinner table



Chris Scarisbrick, Simon Churchill, Peter Scarff and Noel Plumley



The headmaster speaks to the gathering



Daniel Rose, James von Klemperer and David Steiner



James Greenhill and Professor James Marrow



Alex Lyon, John Izzett and Alex Moir

New York Reception

This was generously hosted at the Park Avenue home of the Rose family on Thursday 18th October. Their grandchildren are some of our youngest Old Perseans. A wide selection of OPs attended the event which began with a private tour of a new exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum entitled 'Threads of Splendor'. This tour was directed by OP Dr Tom Campbell (1980) who is a curator at the museum. This is the second transatlantic voyage for the School's Development and Alumni Office, the first being held in San Francisco earlier this year.

Brian Lux (1948)

I thought you might be interested in what has happened to me now I have reached 75 years (June 14th 2007), and being a former boarder from 1946/48, staying at Hillel House. Now retired from dental practice (1998), I have just handed over being the President of the Dental Practitioners Association. However it is my other 'career' I am excited about. I hope to launch an illustrated children's book in the autumn. 'Loppylugs and the Dam' is aimed at the 4-6 year group, with an endorsement by Elizabeth Arnold, herself a distinguished children's author. Another children's book, 'Court of Foxes,' was entered for a national competition run by Discovered Authors, and won the Wales Region, which includes being published as part of the prize. Hopefully, this will happen early in 2008, so my dream of seeing a book with me as author on bookshelves is coming to fruition. Life in the old dog yet?



Edward Lachlan (1949)

You may remember reading about Edward's memories of the Corps in the previous two editions of the OP News. In the photograph below, cadets Edward Lachlan and James Dalgleish sit on the West Pier at Brighton in the summer of 1946, having spent an afternoon away from their camp at Firle Park.



Peter Scarlett (1954)

My wife and I are in Australia for the next 3 months, visiting our daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. It's good to see how well the school 1st XV is doing. I never made the 1st XV but had some great rugby playing for the Pelicans. Later when I joined Bishop's Stortford RFC I had a number of encounters against the Old Boys. I even played a few games for OPs when I left school in the mid-fifties. I have very fond memories of Keith Barry instilling the game plan of a wing three-quarter into my young brain.

Paul Main (1965)

This year I have been elected to the Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy, and I have also been appointed as the Deputy Head of the Postgraduate School of General Practice Education within the Severn Institute of the NHS South West Strategic Health Authority.

The Severn Institute's footprint covers Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire.

In October 2005 I went back to the School for the 40th Reunion of the Senior Scout Expedition to the Lotschental (1965). It was good to meet up again with old friends like Colin Chitty, Mike Howarth, Paul Negus, Mike Sills, Bob Holt, Robert Sibson, Stewart Clark and of course Tony Billingham.

Bill Glover (1973)

I was in Form 5A at the Prep School where Mr Lindeman, who lived a few doors away from my aunt in Lindewode Road, was still the headmaster. Names that come to mind from forty years ago are: Simon Baelz, Richard Steiner, Nigel J Richardson, and boys whose family names were Lincoln and Sharpe (both English boys). We also had an American in the class, Whit Franklin, whose father was a distinguished historian at the University of Chicago, also on sabbatical leave.

We returned to Canada at the end of the summer of 1963. I finished school here, and did an undergraduate degree at Queen's University, in Kingston, Ontario. I then did graduate work at the University of London, and

went on to join the Navy. My career was about a 40/60 split between sea and shore service. The latter included five years teaching at Royal Roads Military College on Canada's west coast, and working with the official history section at our National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. I am now retired and living in Kingston, Ontario where I have been busy as an independent maritime historian. I have been active in the Canadian Nautical Research Society, including a term as president and five years as editor of the society's refereed journal *The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du Nord*. My own research is on the history of navigation and hydrography. Last November I was elected to a four year term on our city council.

Nicholas Cook (1976)

I qualified as a Solicitor and in 1985 was one of the founding partners of Wollastons LLP, a regional commercial law practice, based in Chelmsford, Essex, where I head the Commercial Property department. I am a regular contributor of legal articles in the property press and lecture on property law to property professionals. I also qualified in 1993 as a Notary Public. I am married, with two daughters.

I am also active in the wider business community (but not on the scale of my Father). I was Hon Secretary of the Mid Essex Law Society for ten years and was its President in 1997. I am, amongst my roles, a National Council Member of the Institute of Directors, Immediate Past Chairman of the Essex branch of the Institute of Directors (a post I held for three years), an Essex board member of the Prince's Trust (as well as a panel member of its business division), a member of the Essex Business Consortium, Chairman of the Heart of Essex Business Group, Immediate Past Chairman of the Essex Region of the charity The Lord's Taverners (a post I held for seven years until May 2007) and a member of the Mid Essex Investing In Communities steering group.

I am (does this run in the family I wonder?), a Secondary School Governor (appointed by the LEA), in which capacity I am Vice-Chair of Governors and chair the premises committee (which has just seen



completion of a major new build) and sit on a number of other committees and panels, including exclusions. I am a Freeman of the City of London and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Distillers. To counter that vice I ran the 26 miles of the London Marathon in 2002 and again in 2004, raising over £10,000 for charity. These various diversions save me having to think up a hobby.

Robert Beard (1979)

Following fourteen years in parish ministry in the Diocese of Sheffield, and a couple of years in an intercultural community arts project that I co-founded, I currently work as Policy Officer with the Churches Regional Commission for Yorkshire and the Humber, an appointment I have held since August 2005. I research and write briefing papers on a wide range of social issues, develop and deliver conferences and training courses, offer advice and resources to faith-based projects and work in partnership with other regional infrastructure organisations including the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly, the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum, the Regional Forum and Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber. The Commission's website is at www.crc-online.org.uk

Leonardo Sanchez-Pizani (1979)

I am now a proud father of three living in Denmark and building a franchise business in Scandinavia.

Immediately after The Perse experience I returned to Venezuela (my country of origin) finished high school and university there where I became a Mechanical Engineer. Worked for a Danish company for

several years until I decided to shift gears and took and Masters Degree (MBA) at New York University's Leonard N. Stern School of Business, and where I co-majored in Finance and International Business "with distinction". I also had the opportunity to serve as Teaching Fellow in the Operations Management Department where I had the chance to meet Edwards Deming.

I spent several years after that working in Business Consulting for the Boston based Consulting Arthur D. Little. I later worked for the largest Venezuelan Bank (Banco Mercantil) as the Senior Vice-President for Operations and Technology of their Corporate and International Divisions, and finished my corporate experience by founding and leading one of Mercantil's largest technological endeavor; todo1.com. Todo1.com is a banking portal for an alliance of Latin American and US banks with shared common interests. After the project was up, and successfully running, I decided to engage in another project and together with a group of old colleagues we decided to start-up a business in Scandinavia. We are currently building a franchise for retail health oriented POS.

Alastair Wass (1982)

I've been an A&E Consultant at Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield for over 10 years having done most of my training apart from medical school up here in Yorkshire. Margaret, Matthew & I live in a lovely little village called Saxton not far from either York or Leeds. Yorkshire is certainly very different from Cambridge though just as enjoyable in many ways.



Ed Walker (1994)

After a recent visit to the school to speak on the subject of Darfur, Ed has now written a book entitled 'Reflections from the Scorched Earth'. It has received remarkable reviews including one from Richard Frith, the Bishop of Hull who praised the publication for being "simultaneously harrowing and heart-warming".

Amir Farhoud (1995)

12 years after leaving the Perse, I started my new job as a Year one specialist training registrar in ENT Surgery in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. Much to my surprise my senior colleague was an Old Persean, Malcolm Buchanan. I remembered him from school as we went on numerous skiing trips in the Preparatory School together. We have had numerous recollections of the old school days and are now firm friends.

Emma Glover (2003)

I graduated in 2006 from The University of Birmingham with a first in Natural Sciences. I was unsure about the career I wanted to pursue so I decided to take a gap year. I spent 4 months travelling around Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji with my friend Mel from university.

After returning home in May I spent the summer researching various careers and eventually decided that I wanted to become an actuary. I applied to PwC in Birmingham to do actuarial HRS and after several interviews and tests they offered me the job. I am due to start at the beginning of October.

Joe Baddeley (2005)

I've just taken 2nd year exams, and I'm deciding what I'm going to specialise in this year. True to form I have tried to keep it as broad as possible, it looks like I'll be doing mostly mechanical with quite a few systems/programming modules.

I'm still looking on going towards motor racing (hopefully Formula 1 eventually...) – in fact I just had a summer placement confirmed from Pi Research (the chaps who brought the Jag F1 car to school) which is pretty exciting for me! Last year I worked at a software company called Crystal Vision in Whittlesford, they make

image processing equipment for television companies. On that note; if anyone is going into engineering (general/software) and is already fairly competent/fluent in C++ then that would be a good company to try to get a summer placement with – the level isn't too high.

Outside of the engineering I'm still dedicating most of my waking hours to rowing! I have been in the college first boat for a few years now and next year I'm going to be trialling for the university boat. On current form I'll be good for "Goldie" (university's 2nd boat) but you never know what will happen!

Matthew Ramsay (2006)

All in all, my opening year at UEA has been a fantastic experience.

There's a real community spirit about it as well.

The course (English Literature) has been quite hard work, more than I was expecting for the first year of a degree, but also enjoyable at the same time. I've covered practically the whole of literature since the time of Shakespeare onwards and will go further back next year if I get the modules I've applied for. I've had ten items of coursework, one overnight exam and two more traditional exams, so it's been keeping me busy in addition to the fact that I've had vast amounts of reading to do (oddly).

I've managed to get involved in a few other things as well since I've been here. Concrete is one of the best student newspapers in the country and I've worked regularly for Arts and occasionally for Music. Because of my involvement I've been to see *To Kill A Mockingbird* and *Chicago* at Norwich's Theatre Royal, getting two free tickets every time in exchange for a pretty short review. I met and interviewed Rabbi Lionel Blue in December which was a exciting thing to do as well.

Starting at the beginning of August, I've written a weekly article on the official Cambridge United FC homepage, and this has been trialled three times already at the end of the season just gone. I hoped this would prove to be a stepping stone, as I have a completely free rein on what I can write about (although I intend to keep it on the same theme).

It did prove a stepping stone; an opportunity came along almost at once and I'm just coming to the end of a three week (paid) period where I've run the entire website. Writing all articles, editing, interviewing and actually publishing them has kept me very busy since the end of my exams, but has added hugely to my experiences and has been a lot of fun as well. Being able to speak to the Cambridge United manager every morning, being in regular touch with the secretary and also speaking / interviewing three players is exactly the sort of thing I'm aiming to do.

George Dean (2006)

For those of you who don't know or have forgotten, I'm living in Kenya at the moment with Hamish and Andy Smith.

We arrived in Kenya just over a month ago, and spent a couple of weeks travelling. Climbed Mt Kenya, which is approximately 5000m. I can't say I will be rushing back to climb mountains, but a good trek I suppose. We then headed up and down the rift valley and saw loads of cool stuff on safari trips. Finally we returned to Nairobi for a week before starting work at Alliance High School, which

is a private school and one of the best academically in the country.

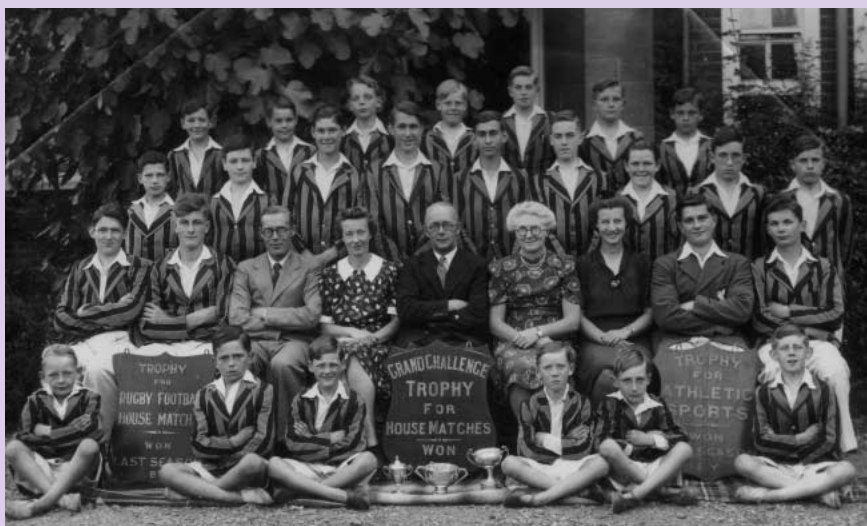


Andrew Smith (2006)

As April commenced (having indulged myself in a whirlwind of travel, cramped matatu journeys, rhinos, lakes, beaches and excellent sea food) I was stranded on the island of Zanzibar, penniless. On arrival in Nairobi I began work at the Nation Building, home of newspapers The Daily Nation, the Saturday Nation, the Sunday Nation, The East African, The Business Daily, The Weekly Advertiser, and Tafeta Leo, radio station Easy FM, and Nation Television. I was to spend the majority of my time going out with reporters and cameramen doing interviews and taking footage, then helping write the scripts and edit the material for the English speaking broadcasts. Over the next few weeks I went out for approximately 2 stories a day.

Grand Challenge Photograph

This charming photograph taken between the late 1930s and early 1940s depicts Keith and Beryl Barry in the second seated row back with the house match players for Rugby and Athletics. If any OP can identify the names and/or dates of the photograph, Isabella in the Development Office would be interested to hear from you by emailing alumni@perse.co.uk



Announcements

Nicholas Cook (1976)

I would like to write, on behalf of the Cook Family, to thank Nigel Richardson and the Staff, Governors and School for organising a wonderful Memorial Service for my Father on Saturday 9th June 2007. That service, which was attended by people representing a wide spectrum of Cambridge life, ended Alex's long and very happy involvement with the Perse and I am sure that, while he would have found it very embarrassing, he would have been very touched and proud of such recognition. Alex was told that the new school building would be named in his honour while in his last few months of

illness and was, in his own words, chuffed to bits and had a tear in his eyes whenever it was mentioned. His sixty-plus years of involvement with the school will quietly continue with that connection.

Campaign for Excellence:

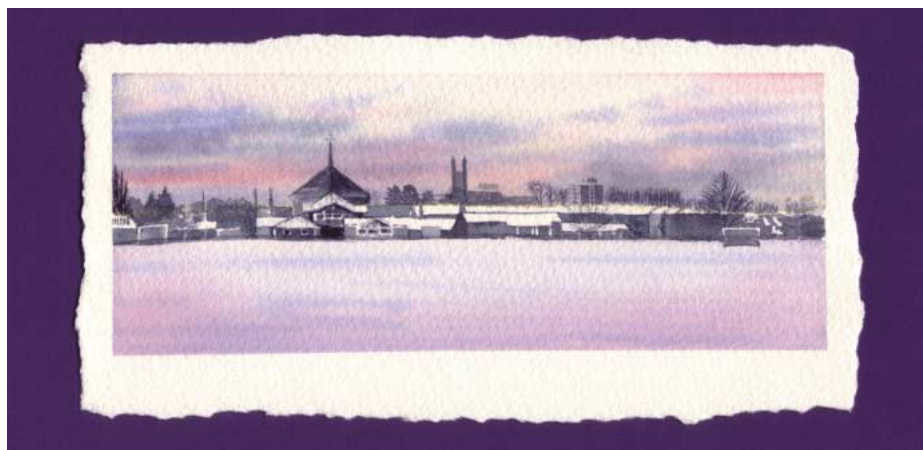
Brian Lanaghan, Gurdon Wattles and George Yeandle are keen to contact people from their years at school to discuss giving to this cause, which is mainly to fund an increased number of bursaries. Any OPs who might be able to help, please email them on brian.lanaghan@uk.mizuho-sc.com; gurdon.wattles@db.com; george.r.yeandle@uk.pwc.com

Limited Edition School Print Now Available

Painted in watercolour by Alison Roberts, the new Perse School framed print is available to order. The image shows a summer cricket match on the school fields. The print is approximately 12" by 15". These will only be available for a short time on a first come first served basis.



Christmas Cards for 2007



Also available to order now are the Perse School Christmas cards, designed by Alison Roberts for the school. These will be available in packs of five or single copies.

For more information about either the Print or the Christmas card, please call the Development Office 01223 403808 or email development@perse.co.uk

Deaths

Alfred B Field (25 September 2006)
Barrie S Jay (10 March 2007)
Roynon Howes (June 2007)
Albert Feather (9 June 2007)
John G Cannon (13 June 2007)
Brian Willett (7 July 2007)
Barrie Reed (3 July 2007)
Professor Lucian R Lewitter (19 September 2007)

Degree News

OPs were awarded the following degrees:

Richard Downey (2000)
BA Geography
Simon Ewart (2000)
MB BS Medicine
John Barham (2002)
BSc Geography
Andrew Simpson (2002)
MEng Chemical Engineering
Amelia Walton (2002)
BA French and History of Art
Kathryn Anderson (2003)
BSc Hons Cell Biology
Ivor Bennett (2003)
BA Hons Music
Dawn Chater (2003)
BA Hons History
Tamsin Houlden (2003)
BA Hons History/Ancient History
Edward Wright (2003)
BA English
Philip Frenay (2004)
BSc Hons Geography
Robert Lever (2005)
Part 1B Medical Sciences

Missing OPs

The last newsletter was returned from the following people:

A F Metcalfe (1974)
G F Cooper (1976)
S A Barton (1977)
D P Glazebrook (1981)
R A Alderton (1984)
S K Sheldon (1984)
A S Kuczunski (1985)
M Clements (1987)
R J Calladine (1982)
J Clements (1990)
C J Postle (2004)

If you can help locate any of the above names, please do not hesitate to contact Isabella Eastham on alumni@perse.co.uk or 01223 403838